

Message

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Subject: FW: FYI -Incoming / Detroit News (Leonard Fleming) - Questions re: EPA call with Michigan Benton Harbor DDL today / additional request for interviews with EPA officials including Radhika Fox next week

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Thanks Anne. I think we should definitely provide the desk statement. I'm looping Casey Katims on the question about the call with Michigan. I assume we won't comment on specifics, but could maybe share an additional line about our active engagement with state partners here. Casey and Nick, any thoughts there?

Defer to others about an interview, but I don't know if we'll have anyone available just yet.

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From: Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
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Please advise. We do have a desk statement but it's doesn't answer his question regarding EPA's call with Michigan earlier this week. He on deadline today. He also is requesting interviews next week with officials including Radhika Fox.

From: Fleming, Leonard N. <lfleming@detroitnews.com>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Gillespie, Taylor <Gillespie.Taylor@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Benton Harbor

Hi there.

So I need a response regarding Michigan environmental groups and residents who filed a petition with the EPA to ensure safe drinking water in Benton Harbor and what the latest is.

It's my understanding a bunch of EPA officials were on a conference call with Michigan officials on Wednesday. I need an update about that call and what came of it. I need that as soon as you can provide it today.

Also, I want to talk to some of the officials next week on that call about the state's failure regarding the lead situation there and reporting I've been doing and what was mentioned in the petition. Radhika Fox would be one of them.

From: Gillespie, Taylor <Gillespie.Taylor@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:28 AM
To: Fleming, Leonard N. <lfleming@detroitnews.com>
Subject: RE: Benton Harbor

Hi Leonard – I just left you a voicemail. Feel free to call me back or send me an email.

Thanks,

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From: Fleming, Leonard N. <lfleming@detroitnews.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Gillespie, Taylor <Gillespie.Taylor@epa.gov>
Subject: Benton Harbor

Hi Taylor:

I tried calling you but for some reason your phone doesn't have voice mail.

Can you give me a ring at 313-618-5204?

Thanks,

Leonard Fleming
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